high value crops.

(b) No, Sir, it is not an integral part of Lab to Land Programme. However, it has been undertaken through operational research programme at Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur. The studies have revealed that sprinkler irrigation is one of the efficient systems of water use for the arid areas and for crops like wheat, long gourd, round gourd, watermelon and also for giving life saving conservation irrigation to crops like pearlmillest, cowpea, moongbean, clusterbean.

The overall efficiency of the system has been found to be 82 per cent compared to 30—45 per cent in surface irrigation, enabling irrigation on more than twice the area with the same amount of water.

(c) During Sixth Plan, the Ministry of Water Rescurces has provided central assistance of Rs. 268.89 lakhs to 9 States (Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana Rajasthan and Tripura) under the scheme for various water saving devices including sprinklers.

(d) Yes Sir. Haryana is laying lot of stress on the propagation of sprinklers irrigation system in the arid areas of the State. Till March, 1986, 17608 sprinklers sets have been installed at the farmers' fields.

(e) Yes, Sir, during the year 1983-84 an amount of Rs. 58.50 lakhs was released to the State of Andhra Pradesh as central assistance for installation of sprinkler by the Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Ltd. However, this amount could not be utilised by the Corporation and is under consideration for revalidation during 1986-87.

Widening gap between irrigation potential and utilisation

*173. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a widening gap between irrigation potential and its utilisation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set up any agency to monitor and bridge this gap; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The gap between the irrigation potential created and utilised has increased marginally and was reported to be about 6.95 M. Ha. by the end of the VI Plan period.

(c) and (d) The Command Area Development Programme under operation has been stepped up in VII Plan. for bridging the gap by providing infrastructure and extension facilities in 132 projects.

Sale of DDA flats by allottees

*174. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ownership of flats of Delhi Development Authority is transferable on sale by the original allottees, if so, what is the procedure and conditions thereof;

(b) whether a large number of applications from allottees of DDA flats for transfer are pending disposal with the DDA at present and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in disposal of these pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The DDA allows transfer of flats on sale by the original allottee on payment of 50 per cent of the unearned increase in the value of